

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-referenced application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) An electromechanical device, comprising a substantially planar bimorph electroactive ceramic member having slots through the thickness of the member, whereby the slots are adapted and constructed to reduce transverse strains generated by bending to multiply an electromechanical bending response of the bimorph member.

23. (Original) The electromechanical device of claim 22, wherein the device is an electromechanical sensor or actuator.

24. (Original) The electromechanical device of claim 22, wherein the slots are substantially concentric.

25. (Original) The electromechanical device of claim 22, wherein the slots are substantially parallel.